

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the specification and claims 1-17 have been amended. Claims 1-17 are pending and under consideration. Support for the claim amendments can be found at FIG. 10.

I. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-15 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER GAVRON ET AL., HOW TO USE MICROSOFT WINDOWS NT4 WORKSTATION, ISBN #1-56276-445-4(HEREINAFTER “GAVRON”)(previously cited) IN VIEW OF BOLNICK ET. AL (U.S. PATENT NO. 6,043,817; HEREINAFTER “BOLNICK”)(newly cited):

Claim 1 has been amended to recite “a computer-readable recording medium recorded with a method of displaying a plurality of data items in a list, the method comprising storing a plurality of display forms defining respective ways of displaying the list of data items, the display forms being different from each other in items to be displayed in columns of the list; and displaying each of the data items in the list in a corresponding one of the display forms based on an attribute and a current condition of the data item so that the item to be displayed in a corresponding one of the columns of the list is variable in accordance with the data items”.

In Gavron, all of the data items are shown in a similar manner. That is, in section 2 of page 35, in a right portion of the window, only a fixed item is displayed in the corresponding column of the list. That is, only name is displayed in the first column, only size is displayed in the second column, only data type is displayed in the third column, etc. Therefore, in Gavron, it does not matter whether the data item is an email (read or unread), a memo, or a calendar. All of the data items are displayed in the same format.

The Applicant respectfully submits that Bolnick discloses a method and apparatus for arranging displayed graphical representations on a computer interface. For example, a display arrangement system for a layout editor interface (see column 4, lines 57-65; and FIGS. 13-17). Further, in column 7, lines 56-61, Bolnick discloses a filtering field indicating whether standard query, full query, or no filtering is applied during the arrangement of objects being displayed upon a desktop. Standard and Full query properties including a type field, a class field, a category field, and a name field as properties used in filtering (see FIG. 3). However, none of these properties correspond to “a current condition of the data item” as recited in amended claim 1, for example.

Further, at page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner takes Official Notice that using a

table of correspondence to determine attributes or display stored information about a data item, by means of the table storing the information directly or indirectly is well-known in the art. The Applicant traverses this Notice, and requests that the Examiner provide a reference to support the Official Notice or withdraw it.

Although the above comments are specifically directed to claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that the comments would be helpful in understanding differences of various other rejected claims over the cited reference. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 16-17 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER GAVRON IN VIEW OF BOLNICK AND FURTHER IN VIEW OF SULLIVAN (U.S. PATENT NO. 5,737,557)(previously cited):

Claims 16 and 17 depend from claims 1 and 10, respectively. Therefore, the comments in section I above, may be applied here. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

III. CONCLUSION:

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that each of the claims patentably distinguishes over the prior art, and therefore, defines allowable subject matter. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection along with an indication of allowability of all pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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